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Ceausescu, wife, top aides arrested but thousands killed

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RUCHAREST (Agencies) — Nicolae Ceausescu and his wife Elena were captured as Very by the army Saturday, a day after a popular on we revolt swept them from power, their oppoor come nents announced on television.

The announcement came as fierce fighting raged around the country between army troops hacking the revolt and wellequipped elite police units loyal 10 Ceausescu. Hundreds of lives P) - A were lost in continuing battles urted is described as a bloodbath.

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By P.V. Vivekanand

Jordan Times Staff Writer

AMMAN -- The Central

Bank of Jordan (CBJ) Satur-

day ruled out meeting any of

the "preconditions" sought by

the former head of Petra Bank

for his return to the Kingdom

and emphasised that there was

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fresh review of the affairs of

the bank, which was taken

over by the Economic Security

Committee (ESC) in August

CBJ Governor Mohammad

Saecd Al Nabulsi confirmed

that a list has been drawn up of

experts and specialists to

"assist the military court to

proceed with the case" against

Ahmad Chalabi, founder and

ex-chairman of Petra Bank

which was ordered merged

with the Jordan Gulf Bank.

Chalabi, who left Jordan short-

ly after the takeover and mer-

this year.

television fell into the hands of anti-Ceausescu forces Friday, also swiftly reported the announcement of the ousted president's capture.

On Friday, there were several conflicting reports about the Ceausescus' whereabouts, with initial announcements of their capture giving way later to speculation they were directing resistance to the revolt from a hideout outside Bucharest, or

had fled the country. Saturday's announcement was the first definite word from the opposition that Ceausescu was in their hands. They gave no details on how or where the 73-year-old ex-leader was caught, or where he was being held.

In Moscow, Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev appealed to Warsaw Pact nations to cooperating in devising "coordinated efforts in providing support to the people of Romania," the official TASS news agency re-

ger order, remains outside the

"There is no review or fresh

investigation into the Petra

Bank affair; we have already

reached our conclusions,

Nabulsi said. "This committee

will only help the martial law

authorities in technical issues

related to the case," the CBJ

governor told the Jordan

Times in response to a story

carried by the newspaper which was told by sources that

a "fresh hearing" was being planned on the affair.

including representatives of

local banks and auditors, will

help the martial law authorities

"in their proceedings with the

"I expect that no less than 15

civil cases (related to banking)

will be filed against Chalabi," he added. "This is separate

from the criminal aspects of

Firmly dismissing what Cha-

case," Nabulsi said.

the case.'

The experts and specialists,

country.

Hungarian Foreign Minister Gyula Horn announced on Hungarian television that War-saw Pact foreign ministers would meet Sunday. He did not say where or when the meeting would

take place. Romanian radio said more than 12,000 people had been killed in one town alone since the uprising began there. Like in other Soviet bloc countries further on the road to reform, the protesters sought an end to dic-

tatorial one-party rule. Among the dead were 7,614 people first detained by pro-Ceausescu units and then executed, said the report.

Bucharest radio reported early Saturday that all political detainees had been released.

In Timisoara Saturday, 800 kilometres west of Bucharest, the entire city seemed to fill the streets in celebration. Crowds built bonfires fuelled by portraits of Ceausescu that had been ripped down.

"This is something we never expected to happen. The dictator is gone," said Ingeborg Kziraska, standing at a cathedral where she said more than 30 children were gunned down along with other demonstrators Sunday.

Hundreds of people dug up

Nabulsi: No new probe into Petra Bank affair

labi said he was seeking as "realistic gestures" that would facilitate his return to Jordan

to "clear things up" of the affairs of the bank he founded

in 1977, Nabulsi said the au-

thorities were determined to

press charges against the Iraqi-born banker. "It is up to him to

return or not," Nabulsi said.

But we are not going to meet

Among the "gestures"

sought by Chalabi are: a repeal

of the charge that he had left

Jordan through illegal channels

and a retraction of an ESC

order sequestering property owned by the Chalabi family,

pending the final outcome pro-

cedures adopted against the

banker, who has been named

as one of the prime suspects in

the case which includes charges

of embezzlement, violation of

banking laws and foreign ex-

change regulations and spe-

culation against the Jordanian

dinar running into millions.

any of his conditions."

mass graves in forested areas of Timisoara, searching for loved ones killed by troops. U.S. and West German TV showed grisly footage of rows of unearthed

bodies, their feet bound together. The upheaval comes at the close of a historic year in which the hardline leaderships of Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, East Germany and Bulgaria were ousted by massive protests and replaced by pro-democracy refor-

Despite the fighting in Romania, tens of thousands of jubilant people celebrated in the centre of Bucharest Saturday morning, waving flags with the hated Communist symbol ripped from its centre and chanting "Ceausescu

Bursts of heavy machine-gun and automatic weapons fire echoed across the city and taxis with red crosses rushed the wounded to hospitals. Helicopter gunships strated soldiers and civiians, some of whom had also taken up arms against Ceausescu's forces.

Approximately 54 bodies were piled in a room of the emergency hospital in Bucharest, most of them civilians.

"We have some hundreds wounded, and this is only one

"We still believe that Chala-

bi is the most daring swindler in the history of world bank-

Nabulsi declared.

In the same vein, Nabulsi

also challenged Chalabi to

make good a threat to file a

case against the CBJ and the

new management of Petra

Chalabi told the Jordan

Times in a telephone call he

initiated from an undisclosed

location that "procedures are

in place for a case in a United

States court" seeking "dam-

ages and relief" against the

take-over of Petra Internation-

al Banking Corporation

(PIBC), Washington, D.C. by

the CBJ and a new manage-

ment committee which took

control of Petra Bank in Au-

gust. PIBC is an affiliate of Petra Bank and a majority of

its shares are owned by the

The case names Chalabi and

his brother Talal Chalabi as the

mother bank.

Bank in a U.S. court.

hospital." said Dr. Marius Scarlet.

Dr. Christian Toma, a dentist, accused Ceausescu's security forces, known as securitate, of blind orgies of bloodshed. "They shoot at the hospital, they destroy blood, they shoot doctors. This is not war, this is atrocity," he told the Associated Press.

The security forces fighting the country's newly declared leaders were Ceausescu's hated and feared instrument of repression for years. At 700,000, the special police troops outnumber regular army forces by more than 4-to-1.

East bloc news agencies cited unconfirmed reports that Libyan and Syrian mercenaries were helping the Ceausescu loyalists. Bucharest radio announced shortly after noon (1100 GMT) that "Arab troops" were attacking the building, without providing any detail.

But the Libyan Foreign Ministry Saturday denied the reports in a dispatch by the official news agency JANA.

Military helicopters piloted by pro-Ceausescu forces dropped leaflets in the downtown core, Bucharest Radio said. It cited the leaflet as warning insurgents to

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"plaintiffs" and members of

the Petra Bank Management

Committee," and the governor

and deputy governor of the

CBJ as well as the finance

minister, Basel Jardaneh --

who is head of the ESC - as

the "defendants." The case,

which is not formally filed,

alleges that PIBC was the vic-

tim of a "conspiracy" and seeks about \$100 million in dam-

ages. However, Chalabi told

the Jordan Times that "The

case could be stopped any-

time," implying that the door

was open for a compromise

deal with the authorities over

However, Nabulsi's com-

ments Saturday indicated that

the authorities were in no

mood for any compromise.

"Let him file his case," said the

CBJ governor. "In fact, such a

case will help us expose him

and press our case in the Un-

his return to Jordan.

ited States."



Israelis kill 2 in Gaza, shot and wound dozens

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — Israeli soldiers Saturday shot dead two Palestinian vouths in clashes in Rafah refugee camp in the Gaza Strip Saturday, hospital officials said.

Residents said the youths were killed when soldiers opened fire on masked youths painting uprising slogans on walls in the camp. The killings raised the death toll in the two-year-old uprising

against Israel to 605 Palestinians. Troops wounded at least 12 Palestinians in protests that raged throughout Rafah after the killings, hospital officials said. In es in the strip, troops shot and wounded six more

Palestinians, they said. Five Palestinians were shot and wounded during clashes with troops in Tulkarm village in the West Bank, hospital officials

there said. In Bethlehem, Israeli para-troopers closed stores and ordered holiday shoppers home Saturday after a clash with masked youth across from the traditional site of the birth of

Christ. Meanwhile, visiting South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu bowed his head in silent prayer at a memorial to slain Palestinians and told Arab reli-

gious leaders and activists that

"we support your struggle for .statehood and independence." Tutu, the first black to head the Anglican Church in South Africa,

arrived Friday and is to conduct

Christmas Eve masses in Bethlehem and nearby Beit Sahour. Tutu met Christian and Muslim religious leaders in Jerusalem's walled Old City Saturday. At the Al Aqsa Mosque compound, Islam's third holiest site, he told

"We also have to say we bear no animosity to the Jewish people. We call into question the doncies of the Istaeli government."

In Bethlehem, Franciscan monks held a candlelight prayer service in the church cave where the star of Bethlehem marks the traditional birthplace of Jesus.

Nearby, beneath the Christmas tree in Manger Square, the army set up a tent for troops on duty. Christian leaders have declared Christmas a day of mourning in honour of Palestinians killed in the uprising.

Masked youth burned tires and hurled stones at army patrols across from the Church of the

Nativity. Troops dispersed the stonethrowers by shooting in the

air and firing teargas into the

narrow alleyways of the nearby marketplace, where the youth

Paratroopers and purple-bereted troops from the Givati Brigade ran through the marketplace shouting "Ruhi Al Beit," to holiday shoppers and demanded that local youths use brooms to sweep the streets clean of debris from the burning tyres.

One enraged woman shopper turned to a soldier and said: clerics and Palestinian national-'You can't close the shops, this is our holiday," but the soldier ordered her home.

Slogans were seen throughout the town calling for increased clashes with troops to mark the

"Let's escalate against the Zionists on Christmas Day," was spray-painted in black on one stone wall. It was signed by the underground leadership of the

The underground leadership had called on shopowners to stay open until 5 p.m. and not close at noon to mark a Palestinian strike that has been in force since the

Christians and rescheduled the work stoppage for Dec. 27.

U.S. beefs up Panama forces

PANAMA CITY (R) - The United States sent 2,000 more troops into Panama Saturday to help 23,000 soldiers already there battle against stubborn and growing resistance apparently directed by fugitive General Manuel Antonio Moriega.
Despite American hopes that

Panama would be quickly under the control of its new, U.S.-installed government, fighting picked up on the fourth day of the invasion, with a U.S. embassy official saying there was considertible gunfire neear the embassy. Defence Department officials

said there was increased action by Nonega's paramilitary "Dignity Battalions," who fired small arms at U.S. moons and continued looting overnight in defiance of a carfew. American helicopter guiships were in the air much of the night officials said. General Maxwell Thurman,

the commander of U.S. forces, said opposition to the American invader was forganised, not disciplinate and that Noriega was the matter band for the anti-American operation.

There were proving casualties from the United States biggest sulitary operation overseas since

aniitary operation overseas since

the Vistnam war.
Pentagoni officials said 21 American servicemen and two U.S. dependents had been killed since the tighting began early Wednesday Autother 222 were

wounded and two were missing. The officials said 139 Noriega loyalists from the Panama Deience Force, the country's regular army, had been killed, 95 wounded and 1,880 captured.

The two main hospitals in Panama City reported a total of 51 Panamanian civilians killed and 835 wounded, but the toll was believed to be much higher. Noriega's representative to the United Nations said there had been as many as 7,000 deaths.

Panama City, a capital of one million people, was also facing a growing refugee problem, food shortages and lack of medical supplies for the hard-pressed civilian hospitals.

In a bid to ease the food problems, the military opened the Bridge of the Americas, a key transport route into the city from the countryside where farms are

U.S. President George Bush said Thursday that "Operation
Just Cause" was pretty much
wrapped up" and General Colin Powell, head of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, had said Wednesday organised opposition had been defeated and troops were mopping up.

But for many Panamanians their words were hard to accept. On Friday afternoon and early Saturday U.S. troops faced renewed attacks from what Thurman said was a "centrally control-

led" opposition. One U.S. Marine said, "This loks a little bit more than mopping up. Hell, this is rock 'N' roll."

The hunt for Noriega, wanted in the United States on drug trafficking charges, continued to, armed and bent on stealing as



Residents looting stores in downtown Passana City before U.S. military police were deployed to restore law and order

turn up many reported sighting but no confirmations despite a million-dollar U.S. reward for information leading to his cap-

One resident said she only had enough food until Monday and the shortages were compounded by the city's near-state of

One doctor told Reuters he and several staff members in one hospital had to leave their work patching up the wounded to search for food. Supermarkets were gutted and rotted food festered in the streets in 90 degree

In the sprawling working-class suburb of San Miguelito residents reported that looters, having cleaned out all the stores, were

breaking into homes.

She said many of the looters appeared to be members of the "Dignity Battalions," who were

truch as they could before the Americans were able to gain con-

The Panamanian woman, who asked not to be named, said an American tank had rolled into her neighbourhood Saturday morning and was greeted with loud cheers from residents. We want the Americans in

San Miguelito, we need them, everybody here wants them," she

The fresh troops were being sent to reinforce the U.S. strike force of 9,500, which earlier joined 13,000 troops stationed in

Thurman said the "Dignity Battalions" - or dingbats, as U.S. soldiers and reporters are rapidly learning from the locals tocall them - had "created a significant amount of mischief." Thurman estimated there were

currently about half a dozen

"Dignity Battalion" units of ab-

out 300 people each.
The Dignity Battalions were drawn largely from working class neighbourhoods that support Noriega. Thurman described them as arising from a "substantial arming of the population in a

terroristic-type organisation." Observers also said many members of the PDF had changed to civilian clothing and joined the "Dignity Battalions," helping the paramilitary forces with organisa-

tion and strategy.

Thurman said that in Colon, Panama's second city, the PDF unit had given up and turned in about 100 people and almost 1,000 weapons.

The military Saturday broadcast an appeal setting various price for weapons turned in, offering prices ranging from \$25 for a single hand grenade to \$5,000 for an arms cache. Officials said they had already confiscated 13,000 weapons.

Mubarak, Assad to meet soon

CAIRO (Agencies) - A toplevel Syrian envoy said Saturday the presidents of Egypt and Syria would meet very soon to put the seal on a "comprehensive" bilateral reconciliation after a 12vear rift.

The emissary, Vice-President Abdul Halim Khaddam, strongly indicated after talks with President Hosni Mnbarak that the patchup would include resuming diplomatic relations.

Khaddam, the highest Syrian official in Egypt since 1977, arrived Saturday with what he termed "a message of amity and brotherhood" from President Hafez Al Assad to the Egyptian leader.

"The coming meeting between the two presidents will lead to practical and concrete results in rectifying the status of Egyptian-Syrian relations," Khaddam told reporters after conferring privately with Mubarak.

Asked specifically whether the summit outcome would include restoration of diplomatic links, Khaddam said: "When we speak about rectifying the status of relations, we mean a comprehensive approach, not a narrow one.

"We are confident that comprehensive relations in the various fields will be rectified after

the meeting."
An Egyptian minister, asked if Khaddam's comments meant the restoration of diplomatic ties, said: "Yes, that is understood from what he just said." The minister declined to be named. Syria and Libya are the only two Arab countries yet to restore diplomatic ties with Egypt, broken after its 1979 treaty with Israel.

But relations have been improving slowly with Tripoli and Damascus since Egypt was readmitted to the Arab League in Air links between Cairo and

Damascus were resumed 10 days ago and soon afterwards Mubarak sent a special envoy to Syria. At a meeting of European and

Arab foreign ministers in Paris this week, Egypt boosted its standing with Damascus and Tripoli by urging the European Community to lift economic sanctions against Libya and Syria.

Khaddam spoke to reporters at Cairo international airport about historic ties between Egypt and Syria, referring to their merger between 1958 and 1961. He described the rift since 1977 as "a passing cloud."

"This eventful record full of shared hopes, blood, tears and aspirations is something that distinguishes the relations between the two countries," he said.

"In the past Egypt and Syria shouldered the main burden of defence of the Arab World, and they must resume their march in doing this. ... Rectifying the course of relations between the two countries necessarily will rectify the entire Arab situation."

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start of the uprising.
Also Saturday, the Islamic fundamentalist Hamas movement cancelled a Christmas Day strike after protests from Palestinian

Fahd in Bahrain in bid to mediate dispute

BAHRAIN (Agencies) — King Fahd of Saudi Arabia arrived Saturday from Oman, where he and Sultan Qaboos agreed on a border demarcation, apparently to help settle another border dispute between Bahrain and Qatar. The emir of Bahrain, Sheikh Isa Ben Salman Al Khalifa.

airport. Officially, Fahd's visit has been described as private. But Kuwait's Al Anbaa daily re-ported be would fly to Qatar from Bahrain later in a fresh bid to mediate a settlement to the longrunning dispute over sovereignty

greeted the monarch at Bahrain

of the Huwar Islands. The dispute dates from British colonial days before Bahrain and Qatar became full-fledged states. It flared in April 1986, when Qatari forces detained a group of foreign workers building a radar station on the Fasht Al Dibal reef, midway between Bahrain

and Qatar.

Qatar has wanted to take the dispute to the International Court and diplomatic sources said that Bahrain at one point threatened in northern Qatar if the Qataris insisted on claiming Huwar at the

Amal, Hizbollah lock horns again in South Lebanon

SIDON (Agencies) — Rival Shi'ite Muslim militias backed by Syria and Iran battled with tanks and artillery in South Lebanon Saturday and police reported at least 15 people killed and 40 wounded.

They said most of the casualties were from the Syrian-backed Amal faction, but could not give a specific breakdown.

Amal's rival, the pro-Iranian fundamentalist Hizbollah (Party of God), appeared to have the upper hand in the fighting that began before dawn north of Sidon, 40 kilometres south of

It was the latest eruption in a two-year-old power struggle between Amal and Hizbollah for control of Lebanon's 1.2 million Shi'ites, the country's largest

One spokesman, who cannot be named in line with standing regulations, said Hizbollah fighters chased Amal militiamen out of two villages — and Jbaa and 'Ain Bouswar - in a pre-dawn After daybreak, they were in-ching towards 'Ain Kana and Arab Salim, two other Amal strongholds, behind a massive barrage of rocket and mortar fire.

Hundreds of villagers were seen fleeing from the region toward Sidon, the spokesman said. He said police has no idea what sparked the fighting, which torpe-doed a truce mediated by Syria

and Iran which halted similar

gunbattles last month. But he said Hizbollah, which can field up to 4,000 hardcore guerrillas, has massed some 1,500 fighters in the region. Amal, a 6,000-strong militia, was rushing

reinforcements from Beirut. By police count, 571 people have been killed and 1,579 wounded in previous Amal-Hizbollah clashes that have raged intermittently since April 1988.

were burning. They said the sound of exploding shells thundered across the area.

Fears of a military flare-up rose last week after the two groups massed troops in Iqlim Al Tufah, 40 kilometres south of Beirut. The area stretches from the port of Sidon to Israel's self-declared "security zone" in South

Each blamed the other for the latest outbreak.

An Amal spokesman said the fighting erupted after Hizbollah launched a dawn assault on Amal positions in the town of Jubah. He said Amal repulsed the assault and captured many of the

Hizbollah sources in the south said their forces seized two Amalheld villages but Amal denied the

Political sources linked the latest outbreak to Amal's refusal to allow Hizbollah free movement in South Lebanon from where Hizbollah was driven in 1988 after a month of battles with



annually with nearly 20 per cent

ber if there are still difficulties

about migration of labour we will

be able to solve them in a reason-

able period," an official Turkish

will have an economy on a

reasonable level so I can't see any

Turks wanting to find jobs abroad," he added.

ian Europe has little time for

Muslim Turkey, the conservative

Islamic daily Turkiye wrote about

the EC report under the head-

"Crusader mentality in the

Reflecting concern that Christ-

"When we are a member we

When we become a full mem-

unemployment.

source said.

INTIFADA: Palestinian youths seen throwing stones and using slingshots to attack Israeli troops in the village of Jabal Mukaber, occupied

break up a protest demonstration against Israeli

Turkey hope for EC entry despite shelving of bid

ANKARA (R) - Turkey has put a brave face on its failure to win full European Community (EC) membership although opposition parties called the decision an indictment of the government.

"The report is registering that Turkey could be a full member. Turkey is not rejected. The report is better than our predictions," President Turgut Ozal, who submitted the application as prime minister in 1987, told Turkish reporters.

The European Commission said Monday that Turkey would have to wait until 1993 before the 12-nation EC considered its application. But it offered Ankara closer economic and political ties.

"The report is not negative. It sets guidelines for Turkey to meet

in three to four years that will put it in a much stronger position," a senior source close to EC affairs

Lurking behind official optimism is a fear that Turkey, an associate EC member since 1963, may be sidelined by the EC as East-West barriers crumble and that its NATO role, a foreign policy keystone, might be dimi-

"The real question is whether Turkey can eliminate differences between its state of development and levels that exist in the EC within 20 years," a Western diplomat said.

"If it stays like it is now, and little has been done in the past two years on human rights and democracy, then membership is out of the question," he said. Officials said the message from Brussels was clear. Turkey had to improve its human rights image and an economy saddled with 75 per cent annual inflation and lift clamps, especially on trade unions, imposed during 1980-83 army role.

Political opposition parties, used the report to lash out at Turkey's centre-right government, formerly led by Ozal.

"The report is utterly negative and with this negativeness our government shoulders a great responsibility." Erdal Inonu, leader of the Social Democrat Populist Party, told reporters.

Suleyman Demirel, leader of the centre-right True Path Party, said: "The government made this subject a tool for dynamic politics. Now they are left outside the

Hasan Cemal, editor of the and a tarnished democratic image left-leaning daily Cumhuriyet, wrote: "The commission's response is negative but they have not slammed the door yet... A Turkey that fully implements human rights and democracy cannot be overlooked."

Diplomats said the report was carefully worded in an effort not to offend Turkey, which borders the Soviet Union, Bulgaria, Iran, Iraq and Syria as well as Greece. The fact that Turkey is re-

garded as European by the EC is not in question. That is taken for granted with the associate membership agreement.'

Members of some EC states privately question whether the EC will ever allow Turkey, a mainly Muslim but secular state linking Europe and Asia, to join

Apart from citing human rights EC.

Iraq says Iran seized after three army coups between 1960 and 1980, they point to the 3 soldiers size of the country — 55 million people expanding at 2.5 per cent

BAGHDAD (R) — Iraq said Saturday that Iran had seized three of its soldiers along their border and expressed concern at deaths among Iraqi prison-ers of war (PoWs) in Iranian

The unarmed soldiers were abducted in no-man's-land Dec-14 as they tried to fetch water from a spring, 250 metres from their own positions and a kilometre from Iran's frontline, the official Iraqi News Agency (INA)

It said Baghdad had pro-tested to U.N. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuel-

Iran and Iraq have regularly accused each other of violating a ceasefire that began in August last year after eight years of conflict. Peace talks held since have stalled.

GCC aide: calls for a united **Arab Nation** ridiculous

ABU DHABI (R) - A senior Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) official was quoted Saturday as saying that repeated calls for a united Arab Nation were ridicu-

"Previous experiences of attempts at Arab unity make present calls for unity look ridiculous and they annoy the average Arab citizen," Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs, Said Ben Hashei Al Maskari, said.

Maskari, quoted by the United Arab Emirates paper Al Khaleej, said the six-nation GCC was based upon mutual cooperation with no loss of sovereignty.

The GCC, founded in 1981, is the oldest regional group. Jordan, Egypt, Iraq, and North Yemen formed the Arab Cooperation Council this year and five Arab states in North Africa established their own separate economic union.

Euro-Arab dialogue ends with all eyes on Eastern Europe

Arab leaders at a meeting of their Nevertheless the gathering foreign ministers Priday that the attracted a full turnout of the 12 dramatic events in Eastern Europe would not overshadow Arab counterparts. their links with the Arab World.

And speaking for the 22 members of the Arab League, King Hassan of Morocco offered Arab in 1986 are still in force. assistance to the broken economies of Eastern Europe.

"For us in the European Community it is not a question of choosing between the East and the South," French - President Francois Mitterrand said at the closing ceremony.

"Let me tell you quite solemnly that the rapprochement between two Europes which have been separated for too long will not be effected at the expense of the many ties which unite the twelve with their Arab and other neighbours," he added.

The summit was held on the day that Romanian dictator Nicolae Ceausescu was deposed in a popular uprising marked by heavy loss of life.

Hassan said the entire world had to move wisely and fast to respond to the changes in East Europe which he called a "U-turn in modern history." Europe's ideological borders are changing fast even if its geographical frontiers are the same as before.

"All efforts (for East Europe) on the socio-economic level cannot be shouldered by West European countries alone ... why don't we participate with our energies, our riches?" he asked.

The resumption of an Euro-Arab dialogue, six years after it stalled over the Middle East conflict and other political divisions, was one of Mitterrand's priorities during his chairmanship of the

But his six-month tenure. ending Dec. 31 has coincided with the total transformation of the postwar order in Europe and Mitterrand had to convince sceptical EC aid to both countries.

PARIS (Agencies) — The Euro-members such as Britain about pean Community (EC) promised the usefulness of the conference.

EC foreign ministers and their. Even Syria and Libya attended despite the fact that sanctions imposed against them by the EC

They were set because of alleged Syrian and Libyan involvement in political violence in Western Europe, but France said Friday the EC would review the

The main practical outcome of the conference was an agreement to formalise annual meetings between three foreign ministers from each side.

French Foreign Minister Ro-land Dumas said the delegations gained "an extremely positive impression" of their prospects for cooperation on issues like cultural relations, promotion and protection of investments, petro-chemical cooperation and youth.

Delegates from the EC and the 22-member Arab League agreed to prioritise these issues in order of those likely to yield the quick-Mitterrand assured the closing session that the "bringing

Europe, too long separated, will not be done at the expense of the solidarities and links of all kinds which have long existed between the 12 community members and their Arab and African neighbours. The Arab states tried Friday to draw the attention of the meeting

together of the two parts of

to political issues but these were put aside by the European countries as beyond the scope of the The American invasion of

Panama and the overthrow of Ceausescu put purely Arab-European issues on the back burner as the EC ministers produced declarations concerning emergency



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Badran, Kuwait fund head review links

AMMAN (Petra) - Prime Taher with whom he discussed Gnister Mudar Badran Saturday received in his office Bader Muchari Humeidi, director of the Knwait Fund for Arab Economic Development (KFAED) in the presence of Minister of Planning Avril Al Masti.

Badran and Humeidi reviewed cooperation between the fund and Jordan. Badran paid tribute to the fund for its assistance towards promoting development in the Arab World and Humeidi landed Jordan's efforts to benefit from the fund's loans in executing important projects.

Humeidi also held a meeting with Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources Thabet Al

cooperation (see story on page 6). Discussion during the meeting covered the prospect of KFAED employing experts employed by the Jordan Electricity Authority (JEA) to help conduct feasibility studies on power projects fi-nanced by the fund in the Arab

The minister thanked the fund for its contribution towards implementing Jordan's projects, specially those related to energy

and mineral exploitation.

The KFAED financed the Al Hussein Thermal Power Station in Aqaba and other JEA power projects in Jordan.

Qasem returns

AMMAN (Petra) — Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem Saturday returned home after representing Jordan at an Arab-European ministerial conference, which convened in Paris at the initiative of French President Francois

The conference adopted a number of measures to reorganise Arab-European dialogue and reactivate several cooperation projects such as holding a symposium on Arab-European cultural

Deputies to begin debate on laws, amendments

AMMAN (Petra) — The Lower House of Parliament meets Sunday to elect members of its committees in charge of public free-doms, citizens' rights, agricultural affairs, health, environment safety, education, Palestine and the occupied Arab territories as well as rural and badia affairs.

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A statement Saturday said that the House members would receive Sunday a total of 57 draft laws or amendments to existing laws from the government to be reviewed by the concerned House

Among these are laws on supply, the Jordan Investment Corporation, the value of added tax, as well as amendments to the Income Tax Law, the Higher Court of Justice and the Election

The statement said that reports to the government by the Central Audit Bureau for 1987 and 1988 will also be referred to the Parlia-

ment committees.

Deputies Yousef Al Azem, Abdullah Zreikat, Nawwaf Al Khawaldeh and Salameh Al Ghuweiri are expected to submit proposals to the House on issues of concern to the public, including the question of urban development, the creation of a complaints office at Parliament, opening a faculty of agriculture at the Jordan University of Science and Technology and a community college in Mafraq Governorate, problems surrounding the wastewater treatement plant at Khirbet Al Samra, artesian water wells in Mafraq area and a number of questions related to Land appropriation and ownership in the Zarqa and Ruseifa areas.

The House is expected to take a confidence vote Dec. 30 on the government of Mudar Badran, who presented his programme to Parliament last week.

Ministry shows how to conserve energy

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources has announced the start of a programme that will demonstrate in energy costs that participating industries can achieve through energy conservation. Energy audits have indicated that energy consumption could potentially be reduced by 10 per cent to 25 per cent, thus reducing the cost of production and demand for additional

In addition to the energy cost savings benefits, energy conservation results in reduction in the global warming effect because of more efficient fuel utilisation and less carbon dioxide emission to the environment.

In cooperation with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources is undertaking a project to demonstrate the feasibility

of reducing energy use through the implementation of efficiency and energy conservation programme. The ministry, working with a local engineering firm. will select several local industries interested in energy conservation to participate in the project. Energy-saving equipment will be installed, and results monitored and publicised to both the general public and to appropriate

The cost of energy saving acti-vities compared with cost savings - higher profits - realised as a result of energy conservation are of particular interest. If energy conservation results in a 10 per cent reduction in the cost of production as projected, the project will demonstrate that conserving energy is a profitable investment for Jordanian businesses. Results of the study will be available in nine months.



Byzantine ruins unearthed

IRBID (J.T.) — Archaeological excavations conducted by the Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology of Yarmouk University, in cooperation with the Department of Antiquities, at Yasileh in northern Jordan have revealed burial chambers, store rooms and water cisterns dating back to the Byzantine era, according to Dr. Zeidoun Al Muheisen of the institute.

Muheisen said in a lecture Saturday that at least 30 burial chambers were unearthed in the latest excavation season along with courtyards and coins as well as the remains of a church.

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BAGHDAD (Petra) - Minister

of Industry and Trade Ziyad Fariz has said that a two-day

meeting in Baghdad of the minis-

ters of economy, trade and supply in the Arab Cooperation Council

(ACC) countries is designed to

bolster ACC activities and discuss

executive measures related to the

implementation of the coopera-

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"The meeting will bolster ex-

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discuss means to organise imports

of strategic commodities so as to

boost the balance of payment and

strengthen the economy," Fariz

During their meetings, which began Saturday, the ACC minis-

ters will discuss a report prepared

by economic experts in the ACC

countries. The report includes

recommendations on means to

put into effect articles related to

trade included in an economic

cooperation agreement the ACC

leaders had signed in San'a,

ing were ACC Assistant Secret-ary-General Hisham Hassan

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Jordan, Egypt, and North Yemen

Attending the Baghdad meet-

Coins found in the soil and chambers suggest a continuous period of civilisation under the Romans and Byzantines, followed by the Islamic period. He said important hydraulic installations for collecting run off waters from the wadis were also located at the site. He added that a spring located one kilometre to the north of the Yasileh site was used for water supply in the two periods. Muheisen said the excavation was launched primarily to determine the exact location of the ancient city where Yasileh now stands.

Youth forum opens week-long meeting AMMAN (J.T.) - The Amman- various social and economic

based Arab Youth Forum (AYF) affairs. Saturday opened a week-long meeting by representatives of youths from the four-member states of the Arab Cooperation Council (ACC) to discuss issues of concern to Arab youth in general and those of the ACC states in particular.

Minister of Culture Khaled Karaki, addressing the opening session held at the Royal Cultural Centre in Amman, urged the gathering to take decisions aimed at promoting contacts among youth of the Arab World and

help fulfil AYF goals. The meeting was also addressed by Abdullah Hijazi, chairman of a committee that prepared for the meeting, and Omar Ali Babekr, member of the forum. Both emphasised the need to promote youth's participation in

Besides their meetings, the participants will hear lectures and tour several places of interest and youth centres in Jordan. They will also take part in a seminar that will review working papers on the role of the Arab youth in development.

AYF was established in June 1988 with His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan as its chairman.

Prince Hassan told the opening meeting that the AYF came into being in response to the desires of various youth sectors in Jordan including people studying at Jordanian universities and with the purpose of expanding the framework of dialogue and discussing national issues and pan-Arab problems.

Study sheds light on begging, homelessness

AMMAN (Petra) - A study prepared by the Ministry of Social Development, in cooperation with the Konrad Adenauer Foundation of West Germany. describes begging and homelessness in Jordan as a chronic problem that should be dealt with at the national level.

Details of the study were discussed at a general meeting organised Saturday by the Ministry of Social Development. Ministry officials said the study was conducted with a view to discovering the causes of the two problems and to come up with proposals and recommendations for solu-

According to the study, 731 cases of beggars in Jordan were

processed and 634 homeless persons were picked up from the streets in 1988. It said only 45 of the homeless persons last year have been referred to private charitable and philanthropic organisation to provide them with

The study recommended protective measures to be taken by the ministry to stem any increases in the number of homeless people and beggars. The study said the problem had serious implications for society.

The study called for a reexamination of Jordan's child care programmes with a view to introducing measures that would eliminate homelessness and beggars

Thousands sit for Tawjihi today

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Ministry of Education announced Saturday that it had finalised preparations for the first session of the general secondary certificate (Tawiihi) examinations session. which is due to begin Sunday. It said that a total of 66,302 students will take the examination this year, up from nearly 60,000 in the last scholastic year, sitting for seven different streams.

Dr. Mohammad Savel Obeidat, director of examinations at the Ministry of Educa-

mercial, agricultural, industrial, nursing and hotel management streams at 857 examination halls prepared by the ministry in va-rious areas. The Ministry has also made arrangements for 73 students in Tunis to sit in one examination hall to take the same examination.

He said that evaluation of answer papers would begin on the following day of each subject. The results normally appear soon after the re-opening of following year.

tion, said that students would sit schools after the scholastic year's for the literary, scientific, com-Saturday and will run until Jan.

> The same Tawjihi students will be required to sit for another examination session by June of the coming year, a procedure followed by the ministry over the past years. But, a sording to a recent ministry : councement. Tawihi students v ... ake only an end-oi-the year en mination in 1992-1993 scholastic year and the

GUVS endorses 1990 plan

AMMAN (J.T.) — The General Union of Voluntary Societies (GUVS) Saturday endorsed a plan of action for 1990 aimed at providing assistance to charitable and voluntary societies and maintaining programmes for the hand-icapped and needy, according to GUVS Secretary-General Mohammad Ali Wardam.

In a statement made after a general GUVS meeting where the plan was endorsed, Wardam said the main targets for 1990 include the Al Amal Centre for the severely handicapped at Yaiouz, seven rehabilitation centres in different areas for handicapped children, mother and child care centres, and vocational training

centres. Work is underway at the Al Amal Home, a project expected to give care and rehabilitation services to 150 children aged be-tween six and 20. Her Majesty Queen Noor laid the foundation stone for the centre at Yajouz last August. According to GUVS officials it is being set up on an eight dunum plot that would house facilities for the handicapped children at nominal cost.

dren are currently being cared for by GUVS at a temporary centre located at Tla'a Al Ali District

will provide special education services along with physiotherapy sessions to the handicapped on a permanent basis. They expect the centre to open its doors next Wardam said in 1990 work on

mentally disabled will begin in Irbid, Mafraq, Zarqa, Madaba, ment. Sahab, Maan and Agaba, Each of the centres will accommodate 40 handicapped children in the initial stage and they will be provided with special experts re-cruited by GUVS, he said.

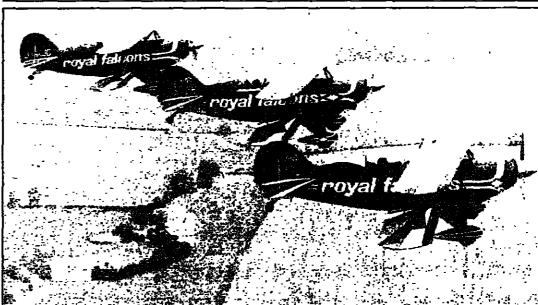
national Development (USAID), provided assistance totalling JD 100,000 for various charitable and voluntary societies in the Kingdom, Wardam said. In the coming year, GUVS will maintain such assistance and will offer loans to finance income-generat- loans for their education.

Severely and multi-disabled chil- ing projects for needy families especially in the rural areas of Jordan. GUVS will join hands with a number of regional and international organisations in GUVS officials said the centre providing loans to Jordanian citizens carrying out development projects, Wardam said.

He said that GUVS would provide assistance to handicapped persons by providing them with special vocational training courses to enable them to become rehabilitation centres for the self-supporting and will also help the handicapped find employ-

GUVS, established in 1958, incorproates over 450 voluntary and charitable societies in all parts of the Kingdom involving some 45,000 voluntary workers Wardam did not disclose the

Over the past two years, amounts of money required by GUVS, in cooperation with the 1990 projects but GUVS of the 1990 projects but GUVS. President Abdullah Al Khatib President Abdullah Al Khatib last August disclosed that nearly JD 1.4 million were needed annually. He said that more than 150,000 Jordanians benefit directly or indirectly from GUVS projects annually, including 500 students who obtain interest-free



Falcons to get one more wing

team, will soon add at least one more plane to its fleet and will employ additional training staff and pilots from Royal Jordanian (RJ), Royal Falcons club acting Director Nidal Samaeen announced Saturday.

AMMAN (Petra) — The Royal planes, four of which are used in Falcons, the national aerobatics air shows and the rest of training

Samaeen said that his fleet took part in several air shows and that no less than 15 million people watched their aerobatic performances. The Royal Falcons, which was established in 1976 upon directives of His Majesty He said the club now has eight King Hussein, took part in shows nations.

France, the United Kingdom, West Germany, Switzerland, the · Netherlands, the United Star Canada and Indonesia.

He said that the Royal Falcons has received invitations to take part in air shows to be held in Spain and five other European

Bloodbath in Romania (Continued from page 1) abandon "this dangerous road"

and arging them to "stop before it's too late." The ousted leader had run the

country as a personal fieldom, installing dozens of relatives in key positions of power. The Yugoslav state news agen-Tanjug, quoting Romanian Radio, reported an orgy of blood-

letting in Sibiu and Brasov by commandoes of Ceausescu's feared police force. "Commandoes of the former securitate had captured a hospital in Brasov and were entering

homes and flats and shooting at random," said the report, which, like others, could not immediately be confirmed independently. Romanian radio said the heaviest fighting outside the capital occurred in Brasov, Romania's second-largest city. It

appealed urgently for reinforcements to help the army there. After his capture by the army, the head of state security, Iulian Vlad, went on Bucharest radio to call for unity and announced that the Interior Ministry had rid itself of "elements loyal to the Ceausescu clan." He also called on the security troops to join the

Bucharest radio reported that army units backing the revolt against Ceausescu had succeeded in arresting Interior Minister Tudor Postelnica and two of his

NATIONAL NEWS IN BRIEF

TRIBES VISIT BADRAN: A delegation representing the tribes of Hwaitat and Naimat visited Prime Minister Mudar Badran Saturday. The delegation congratulated Badran for forming the cabinet and expressed pride in His Majesty King Hussein's leadership. The prime minister expressed his gratitude to the delegation members and asked them to convey his good wishes to the sons of their tribes. (Petra)

COMMITTEE ON YARMOUK CLASHES: The University of Yarmouk Council has decided to form a committee from its members to complete investigations into the student clashes, which took place at the university recently. The council also entrusted the committee with providing the council with a report and recommendations as soon as possible. (J.T.)

GERMAN ART EXHIBITION: An art exhibition entitled the Blue Rider was opened Saturday at Yarmouk University. The exhibition, organised by the university in cooperation with the Goethe Institute, includes 36 paintings depicting social life in West Germany. (J.T.)

WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

EXHIBITIONS

- ☆ An art exhibition by artists from Jordan and other Arab countries at Al Wasiti Gallery, Plaza Hotel.
- * The youths art exhibition at the Spanish Cultural Centre.
- An exhibition entitled "The Blue Rider" at the Yarmonk
- ☆ A plastic art exhibition by Arij Al Hamad and Ibrahim Nabahueh at the University of Jordan.
- \star An exhibition on public education at the Soviet Cultural Centre. ☆ The Arab Cooperation Council (ACC) youths art exhibition at the Royal Cultural Centre.

* A Soviet film entitled "The Puppet" at the Soviet Cultural Centre - 5:00 p.m.





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Sacrifice is worth the prize

THE FALL of Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu and his tyrannical system Friday completes the circle of reformation in Eastern Europe albeit at a high price. Until his downfall, the bets were in favour of him holding on to power even if that entailed the sacrifice of thousands of his people. In this context and sense the end of Ceausescu era is an added proof that the odds in contemporary days are solidly in favour of democracy and against the continuation of tyranny. The entire continent of Europe can now rejoice in overthrowing the last vestiges of totalitarian rule within its borders. Likewise the forces of freedom and democracy worldwide can take comfort from the fact that the tide of democratisation is proceeding forward at full speed and that the thirst for it across many other lands can never be quenched until reforms reach them as well.

It is ironic that the leadership in Romania could not see the tide of democracy coming their way and prepare themselves for it as it has happened in other Warsaw Pact countries. The irony is even greater when it comes to other parts of the world where inspite of repeated warnings about the incoming tidal wave of democracy some governments still cling to archaic justification for keeping their peoples under siege and chained to conditions bordering on slavery. The puzzling question is when will governments that continue to practise totalitarianism heed the call for democratisation and reforms? Must the bloody experience of Romania be repeated over and over again before the message of democracy soaks in the minds and bearts of officialdom that belong to bygone days? Must blood be always spilt before corrections and reformations are introduced? The Romanian people paid dearly with their blood and offered a fine and honourable example of the price that people deprived of freedom are willing to sustain to attain r legitimate aspirations. Mankind all over the world owes them much gratitude and appreciation for without their magnificent triumph the cause of freedom would have remained incomplete.

The Jordanian people who are blessed with a fine example of functioning democracy take special pride to salute the Romanian people on their victory over tyranny. At the same time Jordan takes time on this occasion of forward marching democracy everywhere in the world to highlight the fact that it has given its continuing process of democratisation additional boosts, on every opportunity, culminating in a phenomenon of mushrooming and snowballing democracy that has attained new heights through harmonious and rational methods characterised by responsibility and common sense. Seen against this backdrop, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan has emerged as a principle locomotive for positive change and reformation in the Middle East region and as a vanguard of constructive evolutionary transformation. The people with a good taste of freedom are in the best position to appreciation the hard won freedoms by other peoples and that is what brings Jordanians and Romanians that much closer together.

ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i Arabic daily Saturday tackled an Euro Arab meeting held in Paris over the past two days and said that the participants discussed the Palestine question, and the situations in the Gulf and Lebanon among other topics. The paper noted that the meeting displayed beyond any doubt that the Europeans want to prove that they constitute a power that should be reckoned with by Moscow and Washington and that they are determined to conduct their business with regards to regional issues without external influence. Israel's claim that the Palestine problem is being shelved by the Europeans, whose hands are now full in the light of developments in Eastern Europe, is therefore baseless, said the paper. It noted that the meeting in Paris proved also that the Europeans are concerned with holding an international conference on the Middle East so as to ensure lasting peace in the area. The Europeans have declared that they intend to exercise pressure on the United States which holds the cards in the Middle East issue, to be more realistic and help the Palestinian people regain their right to independence, the paper added. In addition, the European and Arab delegates turned their attention to economic and technological coopration; and this is a clear sign that Europe intends to maintain its close ties with the Arab side, the paper pointed out. It said that the meeting can be described as having achieved a good degree of success and served as a constructive move to cement Euro-Arab relations.

A columnist in Al Ra'i Arabic daily launches a severe attack on the toppled Communist leader of Romania for his dictatorial rule over the past two decades. Tareq Masarweh says that Nicolae Ceausescu has fallen under the wrath and the blows of the people. despite United States support for the dictator who it recognised as a hero because he confronted Moscow's policies in the Communist World. The writer reminds his readers that Ceausescu was serving the American — Zionist cause by allowing Romanian Jews to emigrate to Israel in return for \$20,000 each. Ceausescu's Romania also received unlimited amounts of loans and assistance from the West; and the West German tourists thronged Romania's cities and resorts as a show of gratitude for Ceausescu and his policies against Moscow and in favour of Israel, the writer points out. He says the ousted dictator had ruled his country with an iron fist, filling government posts with his relatives and those of his wife who helped to spread the rule of terrorism in Romania. The writer says that as the people of Romania are engaged in liberating their country, the United States is involved in a new war of colonialism against a small nation, Panama, whose leader General Noriega had served the interests of the United States for so long. The writer says that the United States has no democracy when it comes to dealing with other nations; and it prefers the language of tanks and narcotics warfare in its dealings with Panama and other small nations in Latin America.

Sunday Economic Pulse

Income, consumption taxes at the expense of imports duty

FOR quite a long time, the Treasury was dependent on customs duty on imports as its main source of domestic revenue. The justifications for such a state of affairs were: Simplicity of collection at border points, very high proceeds, and protection of

However, the new government programme submitted last week to Parliament for a vote of confidence admitted that customs duty on imports, as an indirect tax, will retreat substantially in favour of direct taxes such as income tax and other newly introduced consumption tax.

This strategic shift in the fiscal policy is worth some analysis. A hasty observer may think that it is not more than an arbitrary decision, made by the present minister of finance, that would be offset in the future by another arbitrary decision in the opposite

In this respect it is worthwhile to look into the situation in other advanced countries to read the trend. Treasuries in industrialised and newly industrialised countries depend heavily on one main direct tax, income tax. People have to set aside a portion of their current income, be it salary, profit, interest of rent, to finance the government that provides external and internal security, justice, organisation and other services and functions of governments.

Income tax of course is not desired by those who pay it, simply because it is seen and felt, and is represented by a cash transfer to a tax man who does not give in return any service directly related to the amount paid. However, it is, or at least it could be, a just and fair tax, because it is proportional to the ability to pay. It allows acceleration with higher income, and it gives the citizen the feeling of a taxpayer who has the right to have the government

On the other hand, the high customs duty and the exaggerated protection of domestic products are guaranteed prescriptions for consumer exploitation, inefficiency, high cost of production, loss of productivity, and lack of competitiveness in the export markets. It is not a coincidence that most Jordanian exports are those which do not benefit from customs protection, such as phosphate, potash, fertilisers, fruits, vegetables and other food-

We should also take note of the radical change in prevailing circumstances. The dependency on customs duty may be acceptable and natural in a country that depends heavily or solely on importation. In that case it is virtually a consumption tax. But, when dependency on imports is reduced to a bare minimum, the Treasury's dependency on customs duty has to be reduced too. It

is not a coincidence that the proceeds of customs duty in 1989 dropped by 15 per cent in terms of current Jordan dinars, which means a sharp decline of over 40 per cent in real terms measured by purchasing power. The Treasury has no option under the circustmances but to look for other alternatives, because it is striving, not only to maintain the level of its revenue, but also to

Therefore, the tax on consumption, which is effectively a customs duty, as far as imports are concerned, and an excise duty as far as local production is concerned, was a necessary step, duely justified financially and economically, and a right response

to the new emerging circumstances. Finally, one has to point out the fact that high walls of protection for local production is one of the major obstacles for Arab and regional cooperation and economic integration, which is an inevitable objective for survival and prosperity. If we are serious about regional Arab cooperation, as a step towards or form or another of an Arab integration, we have to gradually scale down customs duty to give way for a unified tax on income, and more taxes on consumption, not only in Jordan but also in every other Arab country that admits to be a part of a longer

Why the U.S. failed to respond to Arafat

THE events in Algiers and Geneva one year ago gave the United States an unprecedented opportunity to use its influence to bring an end to the Arab-Israeli conflict. So how well did the administration take advantage of it? On a grading scale of one to ten, it would be generous to award it

To see why, just look again at the developments that took place last November and December, which the U.S. has in the meantime failed to exploit. First the proclamation by Palestinians of a state that encompasses as its territory the West Bank (including East Jerusalem) and Gaza, no more and no less. In making this proclamation the Palestinians were telling Israel — and the U.S. as well — that in the interests of a final settlement they were ready to accept only 22 per cent of Palestine for their homeland, allowing Israel to keep the other 78 per cent. Although an offer to accept a state within such boundaries had already been a de facto PLO policy for many years, what made the situation different this time was that the Palestine National Council voted to make this policy official. Considering that Palestinians formed more than 90 per cent of Palestine's the time of Balfour Declaration and still outnumbered Israelis by more than two to one (while owning 93 per cent of the land) when Israel was established in 1948, this was an enormous compromise for them

The Israelis, of course, rejected it out of hand, because aside from Likud's refusal to give up "one square inch" of occupied territory, even the supposedly more conciliatory Labour Party does not envisage allowing the Palestinians to have all of the West Bank — a substantial portin of it must be held for "security" reasons they argue, and East Jerusalem is "non-negotiable." So what was the U.S. reaction?

It is unfortunate, but not surprising, that the administration did not give the Palestinians any credit for their willingness to give up more than three quarters of their homeland. The idea that it is the Palestinians who have been the aggressors and the Israelis the victims has been so firmly embedded in the Americaan psyche, through years of Israeli mythmaking, that more often than no: the American "man in the street" will tell you something like: "Why should the Palestinians get anything? Let them go live somewhere else. Haven't they been

attacking Israel long enough?"
On the other hand, many (but not all) foreign affairs experts in the administration know better than this, as do a few of the top officials. At the same time, however, they are convinced in the American tradition that it is not "good politics" to heap public praise on the Palestinians for anything, and it is even worse politics to suggest that they should be allowed to have an independent state of their own. The result: U.S. policy, one year later, still favours Palestinian "local autonomy" in the West Bank and Gaza, but not statehood. There has never been a hint that this policy will change.

The gamble that failed

Second, one year ago Yasser Arafat said the "magic words" recognising the "existence" of Israel, accepting U.N. Resolution 242 and renouncing "terrorism" - that for 14 years the U.S. had been insisting must be spoken as a condition for it to "recognise or negotiate with" the PLO. Arafat had always been particularly reluctant to say the words of recognition, on the grounds that Israel had already gone on record as being unwilling to recognise the PLO even if the PLO decided to recognise Israel. Why, Arafat reasoned, should he play his biggest cards jsut for the sake of getting recognised by the U.S.,

when it had no effect upon Israel? He finally took the gamble that once the U.S. recognised the PLO it would finally begin twisting Israel's arm to do the same.
The U.S.'s first reaction to the "magic words" looked promising. Shortly after Arafat's announcement — which he was asked to repeat several times until he got the wording just right, like a schoolboy reciting his lessons the then secretary of state, George Shultz, announced that the U.S. was ending its quarantine of the PLO and would open up a dialogue with it. In short order this was done, with the appointment of the American ambassador to Tunisia as the sole

authorised American channel for

Now almost a year old, this U.S.-PLO dialogue has gone precisely nowhere, however. It is stil being carried on at the same, low ambassadorial level at which it began, despite PLO requests to move to higher-level meetings. Most of the PLO's top leaders are not even allowed to enter the country. Those who are can find themselves deprived of the right of free speech. This happened to Um Jihad, widow of the assassinated Palestinian leader Abu Jihad, who, arriving with a visa, was told by the State Department that she would not be permitted to address the annual convention of the National Association of Arab Americans, to which she been invited. As for Yasser Arafat, the State Department made it clear to him only last month (nearly a year after the "dialogue" had started) that he would not be welcomed to visit New York for the purpsose of addressing the U.N. General Assembly, thereby leading Arafat to decline to apply for an American visa he knew he would not get. Furthermore, the administration has not allowed the reopening in Washington of the Palestine Information Office, closed down a couple of years ago on the grounds that it was an organ of the PLO.

Still soft on Israel

Clearly, Arafat has so far lost his gamble, in playing the card that gave recognition to Israel. Not only has U.S. recognition of the PLO turned out to be lukewarm and conditional, there has been no American pressure on Israel to deal with it.

There has, in fact, been no pressure on Israel, period. Many believed George Bush's administration would take a more realistic and informed view of the problems of the Middle East than President Reagan had. The selection of James Baker as secretary of state was indeed regarded by many as a significant improvement over George Shultz, the man who used to lead the chanting of "PLO, hell no!" at gatherings of Jewish lobby groups and was arguably the most rabid partisan of Israel ever to have held the office. In some respects Baker has been an improvement. He has not only refrained from appointing himself leader of an "Israel is always right" cheering section, but he even told a meeting of AIPAC last May that Israel should "lay aside the unrealistic vision of a Greater Israel" - i.e., an Israel that would encompass the West Bank (including all of Jerusalem), Gaza, the Golan Heights, and perhaps a lot more (like southern Lebanon).

But the new image and occasionally new oratory have been words on the wind, bringing with them virtually nothing in terms of progress towards a Middle East settlement. There has been no indication from Israel that Shamir, Arens and the like bave considered even remotely their abandonment of their vision of a "Greater Israsel." Nor has the administration done anything that would be likely to influence them to do so. When Prime Minister Shamir came out with a so-called "plan" last May calling for elections in the West Bank and Gaza (on condition that the intifada stopped first) that would

omy" to be followed by discussions of "final status" for the territories, the State Department greeted the proposal with considerable warmth, and ever since

has been working on ways to

bring it to fruition. Aside from the fact that Shamir's repeated affirmations that "final status" could never mean Palestinian statehood should have made the proposal a nonstarter, it has been bogged down from the outset over the question of which Palestinians should enter negotiations to discuss how to hold elections which would produce Palestinians who would later be able to enter new negotiations to determine whether a basis for negotiations with Israel over a final settlement exists or not. No kidding! But what has prevented this "plan" from getting past even the first step is Israel's determination not to allow any PLO official or anyone appointed by the PLO to be a member of the Palestinian team that would negotiate the modality of the proposed elec-

The U.S., aithough grumbling occasinally over some of Shamir's

LETTERS_ Oversight

To the Editor:

THE Jordan Times of Dec. 18, 1989 published on page 3 an article about the Al Hussein Society for the Physically Handicap-

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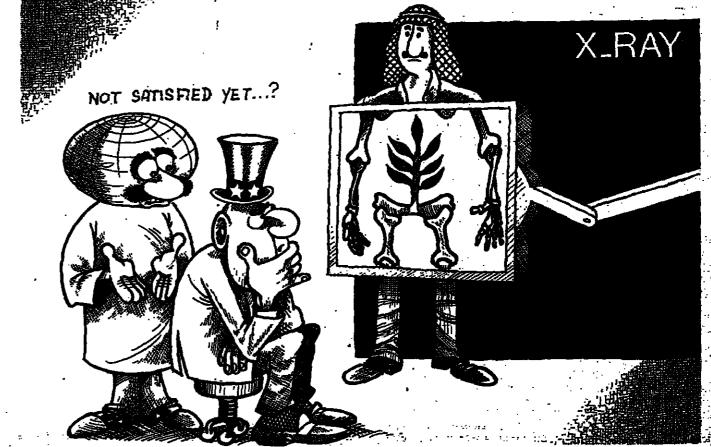
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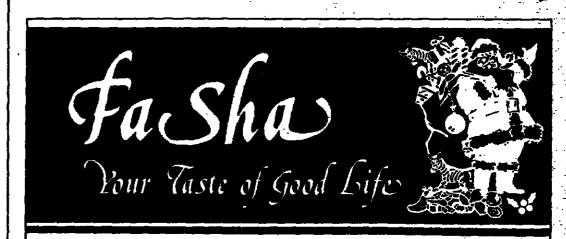


lead the way to establishing a other tough conditions, has been opposition to having PLO repre-occupied territories are getting five-year period of "local auton-omy" to be followed by discus-and been searching for ways to foist it onto the PLO without happen should be no surprise, allowing the PLO direct reprebecause during the very period when Shamir's prevarications sentation. Current American policy calls for the U.S. to get together with Israel and Egypt, have been making it increasingly which would act as middleman clear that his "plan" is really just for the Palestinians, in order to a pretext to stall, the U.S. has select Palestinian negotiators

pressure on Israel to drop its

been rewarding Israel with a series of largely unpublicised acceptable to Israel. However, if offers of new aid. the administration does not suc-In the meantime, the Palesticeed, it will not put meaningful

every day there are more of them who call for an escalation of That this would be likely to armed conflict. At the same time, the trend in Israel shows a rise in the power of the hard-liners. So while Rome is burning, the policy makers in Washington remain absorbed with counting how many angles can fit on the end of a pin. The metaphor may be mixed, but the truth is all too stark - Middle East Internation-



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By Hind-Lara Mango Special to the Jordan Times

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vice versa. Pakistan has half a

million citizens in the army out

of its 105 million population.

Both countries initially were

under British collonialism, re-

calls Hussam Syed, who was

originally a general in the army.

British officers are excellent

soldiers. Hence, both countries

benefited well from this. As an

ambassador half of my time was

spent organising mutual train-ing courses." he added.

The ambassador pointed out that Jordan "is rich in its human

resources, and has a high stan-dard of education. "He believes

that the educational institutions

in Jordan can compete with any

top institutions in the world.

"Also, that genuine efforts have been made in educating

the people of Jordan," he noted. In the last 20 years, he

said. Pakistan has received over

15,000 to 20,000 Jordanian stu-

dents. In view of this a Jorda-

nian-Pakistani graduate club has been established here. "Not

many Pakistanis come to study

here because of the many in-

stitutions in Pakistan," he said.

"In addition, fees here have

become very high for foreign-

students, whereas fees in Pakis-

tan are low for Jordanians

wishing to study there."

The ambassador agrees that

economically Jordan has had a

set-back. But he explains that

there "are certain times when

economic policies go wrong.

But many institutions have

opened up, in Jordan and many

programmes have been set up in order to help solve this prob-

lem." The ambassador is very

optimistic where Jordan's eco-

nomy is concerned because of

the tremendous efforts being

Pakistan is the fourth largest

country to import Jordan's

phosphate and exports hand-

made artifacts to the Kingdom.

country. Before the partition it

was known to be the greenery

of India. Most Pakistanis living in Jordan work in the field of

agriculture. Pakistan, said Hus-

sein Syed," has plenty of water,

it is rich in dams both for canal

irrigation and areas that do not

have canals. Jordan does not

have any canals except one in

the valley. Both countries have

the same sort of agriculture in

terms of their drip systems, and

water conservation. So Pakistani farmers work in the Jordan

Valley and Madaba, and raise

tobacco and vegetable crops."

have been many Pakistanis in

They marry amongst them-

selves, and they are looked after by the Jordanian govern-

Despite the fact that there

Pakistan is an agricultural

AMMAN — Relations beween Jordan and Pakistan date back-to the days of the creation of Pakistan four decades ago. and these ties continue to be strengthened, based on good-will, the common faith — Islam and shared beliefs and viewpoints. That's how the exambassador of Pakistan to Jordan summed up his impressions at the end of his tenure in the

Saghir Hussein Syed, who left Jordan earlier this month after three years of stay in the Kingdom, said: "Ties between Pakistan and Jordan are strong, permanent, and based on goodwill Both share common beliefs and a common faith, and have not differed much with

each other's policies."

The ambassador noted that relations have been very closebetween the leaderships of the two countries since the time of the late President Field Marshal Ayyoub Khan. "When crises arose, both countries have acted as brothers putting the solid relationship to the test," the ambassador. He pointed out that the late President "Zia ul-Haq" served in Jordan as an officer of the army along with a

large number of officers.

The Jordanian armed forces remember the Pakistani soldier's dedication, honesty, and concerted efforts," Hussein Syed said.

"The two countries have exchanged views and learned from each other's experiences." With the newly elected prime minister, Benazir Bhutto, rela-

tions continue to be warm. His Majesty King Hussein and Blutto met in Tokyo this summer at the funeral of Emperor Hirohito and Bhutto paid tri-bute to His Majesty's leadership saying that in him Pakistan "sees a friend of Arabs and Muslim countries, always available to give genuine advice, guidance, and assistance," said the ambassador.

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Democracy has taken its roots in both countries, he added. "Both countries have undergone recent elections which have allowed democracy

to flourish". "Opposition is another dimension to elections, and it always wishes to oust the sitting government. But this is a healthy sign, because without it a relaxed atmosphere is created, paying the way for corruption. Jordan's democracy has come after some time," Hussein Syed

asserted.

The ambassador believes that the majority of the Jordanians were very happy with the Nov. 8 elections. "What does one went finally out of a government? That there be proper roads, hospitals, schools and other essential necessities. So elections have taken place, one party was more organised, than the others, and it got over 30 scats in the Lower House," he said. "I feel that phase one has been achieved by holding peaceful and fair elections. In the near future Parliament is going to be a great advantage; there will be problems here and there, some fundamentalists have their own views on how

the country should be run."

The ambassador went on to Say that state administration and religion differ "for, in religion one has to unite the people into one team without allowing what one party says to be ex-ecuted in totality." He said that if religion "is twisted to such an extent that it is creating conflict and dislike among the people, then it is not following the

proper teachings of Islam. One thousand four hundred years ago, the Prophet Mohamad was able to unite the total Muslims of the world under one umbrella - that is democracy,

The ambasador praised His Majesty's handling Jordan's affairs as a model for other countries. "It is a pride for the Middle Eastern countries to see how Jordan is administered," he said. 'Now that I am leaving, I will carry with me my straight impressions of a socially developed country. I am confident that Parliament will take

steps: forward."

Jordanian-Pakistani relations are also strong in the military area Large numbers of Pakis-

Children pay debts

The poor world is now paying the rich world \$178 billion a year — three times as much as all the aid it receives - to service its debts. One result is that spending on health, nutrition and education has been cut back in many countries over the last five years. "What this means," says UNICEF in its 1990 State of the World's Children report, "is that the heaviest burden of the debt crisis is falling on the growing minds and bodies of children in the developing world".

After decades of steady advance, large areas of the developing world have been sliding backwards in the 1980s. On average, incomes are down 10 per cent in Latin America and 25 per cent in sub-Saharan Africa. "For the very poor who are forced to spend three-quarters of their incomes on food," says UNICEF, "falling wages mean rising mal-

In three-quarters of the nations of Africa and Latin America, health spending per person has declined in the 1980s and the consequences are now becoming visible. Hundreds of health clinics have been closed and many which remain open are understaffed and lacking essential supplies. Infant mortality is known to have risen in parts of Africa and Latin America. The incidence of low birth weight, a sensitive indicator of the well-being of women, has increased in seven nations out of the fifteen for which recent in-

formation is available. Children have also been paying the Third World's debt with the loss of their only opportunity to be educated, says UNICEF. In the 37 poorest countries of the world, spending per head on schools has declined by approximately 25% in the last decade. In one out of every five developing countries, primary school numbers have actually declined and in two out of every three countries spending per student is lower now

consequences of the debt crisis, UNICEF also cites the concerns expressed by its own staff, working in over 100 nations of the world, who are reporting in-creases in child abandonment, juvenile delinquency, accidents,

and drug abuse. "The chilling injustice of what is happening," says UNICEF, "is escaping our attention, passing by our windows on the smooth flow of economic analysis, disguising itself in the respectable clothing

of the financial vocabulary". Human Capital

"The central thesis of this year's message from UNICEF," says the agency's Executive Director James Grant, "is that children should be protected from the worst consequences of the adult world's excesses and mistakes, whether we are talking about violence or war or about the cumulative effects of economic mismanagement.

Apart from the obvious moral case, the report argues that there is also a strong economic case for protecting the rising generation. 'Human capital is a far more important factor in economic growth than physical capital, says economist Dr. Richard Jolly, a Deputy Executive Director of UNICEF. "Investment in human capital in the form of nutrition, basic education, and health cannot be postponed: it either takes place at an appropriate age when the need is present — or it does not. For the young child, there is



After a rapid rise in the 60s and 70s, the proportion of the developing world's children enrolled in school has begun to fall again. The first World Conference on Education for All, meeting in Thailand in March 1990, will seek ways to reverse the trend - UNICEF.

no second chance. The under-emphasized tragedy of the disinvestment in human capital in the 1980s is that the results will be carried forward in stunted bodies and deficient educations well into the 21st century."

In part, the vulnerable could be protected by shifting the balance of spending in their favour. But in many countries, says UNICEF, this will probably not be possible without increased support from the industrialized nations. "Politically, it is no easy task,"

says Grant, "to engineer a shift in priorities from urban hospitals to rural clinics, from national airlines to domestic bus routes, from prestigious lecture halls to humble primary schools, from meeting the focused expectations of the politically powerful to the diffuse hopes of the poor majority"

"Now is therefore the time for the developing nations to draw up plans for expanding primary education and primary health care systems, for low cost water and sanitation systems, for national nutrition programmes, for reducing child deaths and child illnesses, and for protecting the environment. Given some progress in resolving the debt crisis, such plans could form the basis for an increased and newly directed AID and investment effort in the decade ahead."

"There are increasing signs," sys the report, "that increases in aid would be supported by the public of the industrialized world IF it was widely felt that aid was being used for the attack on poverty and the defence of the environment.

Sacrifices

The prospects for progress will remain gloomy while more than a quarter of the developing world's earnings are sluiced away in debt repayments instead of being invested in growth, says the report. But there are some small signs of hope as the 1990s begin.

In the last two years, the total debt of the developing world has fallen for the first time since the crisis began in the early 1980s. "There is also growing recogni-tion," says UNICEF, "that more dramatic and decisive action on debt is in the interests of both industrialized and developing worlds. Such action should include writing off most of the remaining debts owed by Africa to the governments of the western industrialized nations and further reductions in the commercial debts of many Latin American countries". Without such action," says

shadow over the next decade and the lives, the health, the growth, and the education of millions of children of the 1990s will again be sacrificed on the altar of debt".

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peace conference suggested by His Majesty is the answer." "He said that "everyone knows that the Palestinians have a genuine problem, of their desire for an independent state and resolve their relations with the Israelis are totally on

of Pakistan. An international

the right lines." Benazir Bhutto has accepted an invitation to come to Jordan and will pay the visit once she establishes domestic political stability, according to the ambassador. "She totally sup-ports the Palestinians in their plight," Yasser Arafat has already made two visits to

Pakistan this year he said. The present Pakistani ambassador to Brazil, Tarik Afridi, will be filling in Hussein Syed's vacant post. He is expected to be here in February. "My wife and I are leaving Jordan fully content that during our stay here we have worked probably as we would have in our own country in social organisations, and professional fields. We have both taken a keen and active interest in Jordan," Hussein Syed concluded.



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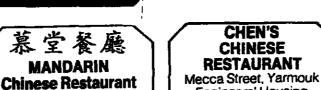
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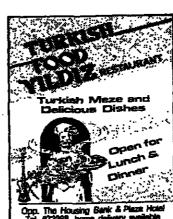






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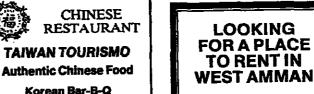
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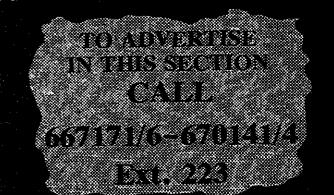
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The tale of two blue chips

By Chet Currier The Associated Press

NEW YORK - One blue-chip stock multiplied your money to nearly 10 times its former value. Another turned your dollar into less than a dime.

That, in microcosm, was the story of the 1980s on Wall Street - a decade in which many fortunes were made, and more than a few were lost, in a roaring bull market.

To pick the biggest winner among the 30 stocks that now make up the Dow Jones industrial average, you had to ignore a gathering storm over the tobacco industry.

The company in question was Philip Morris, whose shares increased almost 850 per cent in value from the beginning of the '80s through mid-December, according to calculations by William Lefevre at the investment firm of Advest Incorporated. Adjusted for splits, Philip Morris stock soared from \$4.50 to \$40-plus.

Philip Morris, widely known as the producer of Mariboro and several other cigarette brands, began a diversification programme many years ago with Miller Brewing Company.

In the '80s it claimed the status of world's largest manufacturer of consumer products with the acquisitions of General Foods and Kraft Inc., gain-ing such familiar product lines as Maxwell House coffee and Post cereals.

Meanwhile, it strengthened its hold as the dominant force in the tobacco industry.

Biggest loser

At the other end of the standings, Navistar International was the biggest loser among the Dow 30, falling from \$39.12 at the start of the

'80s to less than \$4 recently. Navistar, known a decade ago as International Harvester, left the farm- and constructionmachinery businesses to concentrate on making trucks and diesel-powered equipment. It suffered through a seven-year spell of losses before recently returning to profitability.

Among the winners, Philip Morris wasn't alone in benefiting from the ravenous consum-

health and environment protection.

Ford to sell debt securities

ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

BRUSSELS (AP) — European Community's (EC) ministers Friday paved the way for the European Commission to start

negotiations with East Germany on a trade and economic cooperation agreement, an EC official said. The move means that

negotiations can start early in 1990, and possibly be concluded by

late February, the spokesman said. He said that the Council of

Ministers had agreed to a request by West Germany that the EC abolish quotas on most of East Germany's farm and industrial

exports as soon as possible, rather than by the mid-1990s, as a

gesture of support for the moves toward democracy in East

Germany. The EC already has made similar gestures in favour of

Poland and Hungary. The agreement with East Germany also

likely would involve cooperation in agriculture, mining, banking,

WASHINGTON (AP) - Ford Motor Company intends to sell

\$1.55 billion in debt securities to pay for its recent acquisition of Associates, the nation's third-largest independent finance company, according to documents filed Friday. In a registration

statement filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), Ford said it is seeking to issue the debt securities through Ford Holdings Inc., a subsidiary formed in September to acquire Associates. The debt securities will be sold "to reduce short-term

debt, including borrowing to fund the acquisition of Associates," according to the registration statement. Ford acquired Dallas-

based Associates First Capital Corp. from Paramount Communica-tions Inc. for \$3.35 billion Oct. 31. According to the statement, Ford financed the Associates acquisition through \$2.25 billion in loans and the issuance of \$800 million in flexible rate auction

preferred stock. Last month, a Ford subsidiary began a \$2.5 billion cash tender offer to acquire Jaguar PLC, the British luxury

LONDON (AP) - Whitbread and Co. PLC, a British brewer, said

LONDON (AP) — Whitbread and Co. PLC, a British brewer, said Friday it is selling its liquor division to Allied-Lyons PLC, a major British liquor company, for £545 million (\$877 million). The deal follows Whitbread's announcement in October that it had decided to concentrate on brewing and leisure retailing activities, particularly pubs, restaurant chains and hotels. Whitbread's liquor division is made up of two main companies, James Burrough Distillers, which produces brands such as Beefeater gin and Long John scotch whisky, and the Buckingham Wine Co., which imports and distributes wines and liquors in the United States. Whitbread's 85 per cent holding in the Atlas Peak Vineyards in California, as well as Julius Wile Napa Californian Wines are included in the

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deal. Pre-tax profit of the businesses being sold was £23.5 million (\$38 million) in the year ending Feb. 2. The company did not break out after-tax profit and revenue for them. Allied-Lyons' acquisition follows its \$325 million takeover of Dunkin' Donuts, a U.S.-based

donuts and coffee franchise restaurant chain. It obtained control of

Whitbread sells liquor division

Dunkin' Donuts Thursday.

EC paves way for E. Germany accord

er appetites of the '80s. Close behind it in the Dow

performance ranking stood McDonald's Corporation, up nearly 700 per cent; Coca-Cola, up nearly 600 per cent, and Merck, the health care giant, up more than 500 per

cent.
Like Navistar, Bethlehem
Steel, which was down more than 20 per cent, and International Business Machines (IBM), up less than 50 per cent, reflected the many problems of the economy's industrial sector.

What did all this mean for a diversified portfolio of stocks? Once the big winners and losers are balanced out, the Dow Jones industrial average has more than tripled. "All in all, not a bad 10 years," Lefevre observed.

In the past week, the average suffered something of a setback, beset by fears that softening real estate markets might increase the odds of a recession in 1990. It closed Friday at 2,711.39, down 28.16 from the week before.

The New York stock exchange composite index drop-ped 1.50 to 191.95; the Nasdaq composite index for the overthe-counter market rose 73 to 444.57, and the American stock exchange market value

index was down 1.50 at 191.95. Volume on the big board averaged 168.70 million shares a day, against 185.54 million the week before.

Just how the experience of the '80s might translate into good decisions for the '90s remains to be seen.

Some say the new decade, like the old one, may begin with a recession, especially since the great prosperity of the past several years has left a lot of debts to be paid.

Others contend that the pessimists and the skeptics, who missed many an opportunity in the 80s, may just wind up repeating the same mistake.

Whatever happens, however, people in the stocks and bonds business say the story of the '80s' big winners and losers provides a dramatic demonstration of the virtues of a diversified investment prog-

Anyone who owned \$10,000 each of the best and worst blue chips through the '80s would have an \$80,000-plus Philip Morris profit as consolation, and then some, for a \$9000 Navistar loss.

Two industries to benefit from Kuwait fund loan

AMMAN (J.T.) — Two Jordsnian companies are to receive a total of eight million Kuwattl dinars as loans from the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development to belp finance their expansion projects under an agreement signed at the Ministry of Planning here

Saturday.

One of the beneficiaries is the Jordan Electricity Authority (JEA), which will get 3.25 million Kuwaiti dinars that wil be used to finance the transfer of installation of two gas-powered turbines at the Risheh gas fields near the Iraqi border. The turbines, which are located south of Amman, will be driven by gas extracted from the fields instead of transporting the gas to the location.

The loan will also be used to help JEA to purchase and install equipment needed for the operation and its transformer stations as well as other technical and power distribution

The other beneficiary is the Jordan Phosphate Mines Company (JPMC), which will receive a total 4.75 million Kawaiti dinars. The loan will belp JPMC to mine and process

phosphate-based fertilisers which are produced at the fertiliser plant in Aqaba and to purchase spare parts for the JPMC mines and fertiliser

Over the past four mouths the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development has been conducting feasibility studies on the two projects, which were later endorsed by the fund's

The agreement was signed by Minister of Planning Awai Al Masri and the fund's directorgeneral, Bader Muskari.

Biggest bankruptcy case in history ends

Hunt relinquishes estate

DALLAS (AP) — Ex-billionaire William Herbert Hunt has relinquished his estate, bringing to a conclusion one of the biggest

personal bankruptcies in history. Herbert and his brother, Nelson Bunker Hunt, were once two of the richest men of the world, with a net worth of more than \$3 billion. On Thursday, a week after the bankruptcy case ended, Herbert relinquished his estate to a liquidating trustee.

Hunt's financial problems began in 1980 when he and his brother lost \$1.5 billion speculating in the silver futures markets. The silver losses were compounded by falling real estate prices and the collapse of the oil market. The brothers filed for bank-

ruptcy protection in September 1988, shortly after a New York jury found they had conspired to

corner the silver market. On June 14, U.S. bankruptcy Judge Harold Abramson granted the brothers' request that 601 silver claims be dismissed from

the bankruptcy proceedings. However, the decision left intact almost 600 claims amounting to about \$360 million stemming from the brothers' silver speculation. Included in that is a reduced \$134.6-million judgment in favour of Minepaco S.A. of Peru.

On Thursday U.S. bankruptcy Judge Harold Abramson signed the order that will transfer the fallen oilman's estate to a liquidating trust within 10 days. Hunt's \$169 million estate will be liquidated to pay creditors over the next six years, absolving him of nearly \$1 billion in debts.

al tax agency, and the other 30 per cent will be divided among the remaining creditors, including Manufacturers Hanover and Minpeco S.A.

Hugh Ray, an attorney for Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company, said it was "miraculous" to have two such sizable bankruptcy cases resolved in 15 months.

Under the plan confirmed Thursday, Herbert will be stripped of his assets, which are concentrated heavily in depressed

Texas and Arizona real estate. Hunt will lose his \$400,000 salary, but he will keep his Cadillac car, \$1.2 million Dallas mansion, personal effects totaling \$50,000 and a 50 per cent interest Seventy per cent of Herbert's in non-producing oil and gas holdings will go to the U.S. feder-

Tin council settles wrangle over debts

LONDON (R) — The International Tin Council (ITC) said Friday it had approved a near \$300 million settlement with creditors, ending four years of legal wrangling since it collapsed leav-

ing huge debts.
Under the out-of-court deal, creditors will be paid March 30, 1990, and in return will drop all claims against the council arising from the suspension of its buffer stock and price-stabilising operations in October 1985.

Creditor banks and brokers said the amount of the settlement — £182.5 million (\$295.7 million) - was the minimum needed to drop claims of about £500 million (\$810 million) arising from the breakdown of the International Tin Agreement, which was run by the ITC.

The tin market was thrown into crisis in October 1985 when the tin pact ran out of cash. Prices plummetted as the ITC stopped buying metal and defaulted on outstanding contracts, causing big losses for brokers and for banks who lent it money.

The 22-nation council had run a buffer stock to stabilise prices, buying up surplus tin at a floor price well above the value it would otherwise have commanded.

Tin was being held around an artificially high level of £8,100 (\$13,122) a tonne in London when the pact's buffer stock manager pulled the plug on the

Discussions over the out-ofcourt settlement have dragged on for months.

The breakthrough came when one remaining creditor — Malay-sian Trader Manilal Commodities - agreed to accept. The deal was conditional on all primary credi-

tors being party to it.

Over the past four years creditors pursued legal action against the ITC in one of the biggest cases of commercial default. But they met with little success.

Brokers and banks sought redress in the courts, but British courts ruled the ITC was immune from legal action.

Poland signs IMF letter of intent

WARSAW (AP) — Poland's top finance officials signed an International Monetary Fund (IMF) letter of intent Saturday, pledging to make far-reaching and painful economic reforms in return for large amounts of Western aid, the state news agency reported.

Deputy Prime Minister Leszek Balcerowicz and the chairman of the National Bank of Poland, Wladyslaw Baka, initialled the letter, which will be forwarded to the IMF in Washington, D.C.

Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki and his council of ministers met through the night Friday, reviewing the stringent plan under which Poland vows to choke off 900 per cent inflation, cut budget deficits and weather unemployment and poverty.

The plan, negotiated since Mazowiecki formed the non-Communist-led government in September, is tied to the most extensive economic reform legislation ever attempted in the East Bloc. Introduced in parliament a week agos, the program-me would overhaul the centralised state-run economy and replace it with a market-oriented

The IMF agreement will certify to Western leaders that Poland is making serious efforts to put its economy in order.

Weekly Amman Financial Market trading

AMMAN (J.T.) — The following table summarises trading activities at the Amman Financial Market starting

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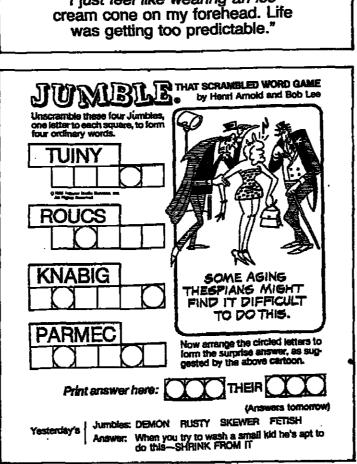
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THE BETTER HALF. By Harris Copyright 1989 Cowles Syndrosis, Inc. HARRIS' "I just feel like wearing an ice-

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AMMAN EXCHANGE RATES Thursday, December 21, 1989 Central Bank official rates

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Liverpool, United draw

LONDON (R) — Manchester United drew 0-0 at Liverpool on Saturday to pick up their first point in four matches and prevent their opponents from going top of the English soccer first division. United put on a strong per-formance despite poor finishing to take some of the pressure off troubled manager Alex Fergu-ion, whose job has recently looked increasingly in jeopardy.

The visitors, who have lost only twice at Antield in the past 10 years, dominated for most of the first half against a tired-looking Liverpool team who needed victory to go one point ahead of champions and leaders Arsenal. The draw meant Liverpool stay second, a point behind Arsenal

who play in the full league programme on Tuesday. United, languishing six point from bottom before the match, should have taken the lead in the 14th minute when Clayton Black-

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more found Brian McClair in space, but the striker, who has not scored for two months, hit

In the 22nd minute, Welsh Grobbelaar.

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Cards derive their power from two sources—rank and location. Thus, a king in front of the ace might be worthless, whereas a wellplaced jack could be pure gold. This hand illustrates the principle. South had a minimum three-

spade overcall of the opposing preempt, so partner's cue-bid of the enemy suit—an obvious slam tryhigh over the bar.

international striker Mark Hughes, who posed constant problems for Liverpool's defence, found space, only to be thwarted by goalkeeper Bruce

Grobbelaar saved from Hughes again 10 minutes later, while McClair again failed to find the net on the stroke of halftime when he headed the ball wide

Liverpool - without England striker John Barnes due to a hamstring injury — lacked in-spiration up from despite England forward Peter Beardsley provid-

captain Alan Hansen was replaced at halftime suffering from

GOREN BRIDGE

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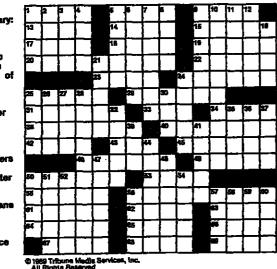
But when North persisted with a second cue-bid, South dutifully showed his ace of hearts and North settled in a small slam, West led the jack of hearts, and declarer realized the only problem was to avoid losing two diamond tricks. He spotted the obviousclub finesse. Declarer won the ace of hearts, drew two rounds of trumps and led a club to the jack. East won,

elicited no immediate enthusiasm

and declarer still had to concede a diamond trick for down one. What declarer failed to take into account was the positional strength of the jack of diamonds. East's preempt and West's failure to lead a diamond should have made it obvious that the former had started with all seven of the missing diamonds, Therefore, an endplay was bound to

After drawing trumps, declarer should eliminate clubs with a ruff and then cash the king of hearts, Now a low diamond away from the ace secures the contract. East must go up with one of his high honors, but he then has no way to a safe exit. A heart yields a ruff-sluff, and a diamond is into the combined tenace-declarer simply inserts the jack if East returns a low diamond

THE Daily Crossword by Martha J. Do Witt



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Saturday's Puzzle Solved:



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FORECAST FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1989

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A good day to contemplate planning various outlets of a broad and comorebensive nature as vou relax later at home with loved ones and relatives in a friendly atmosphere.

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) A trip to couple of friends' homes could be good for you. You will be happy by quietly showing romantic affection for your mate.

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) Be careful of people in your home who are likely to cause a disturbance. Discuss your vocation aims with your attachment now. GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) A

will bring an inspiration to your family. A day when you will be fulfilled in your romantic aspira-MOON CEBLDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Welcome a couple from afar into your home. A big business man could help you with your finances in a way to increase your

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) Startling events with attachment will bring opportunity for more romantic pleasure. A younger outside ally will give you a brilliant busi-

LIBRA: (September 23 to October

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) Get ready to receive some extraordinary persons into your home. A woman with background varied from yours will bring you

By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation 22) Your attachment will now do something delightful to please you. Do everything possible to effect

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and sparked warnings that he could be disqualified from the

games in Italy next summer.

MILAN, Italy (AP) — Diego Maradona is in hot water over the World Cup after breaking his

The 29-year-old Argentine soccer star, renowned for his magic left foot and outspokenness, has alleged that draws for the 1990 World Cup soccer tournament

caused an international uproar

Unhappy with news coverage of his recent wedding in Argentina. Maradona snubbed reporters for weeks. But in Cagliari, Sardinia, on Tuesday, he broke his silence by asserting that the Dec. 9 World Cup draw in Rome was

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His remarks earlier this week

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Czechoslovakia in a lucky draw that seemed to assure the hosts of advancing to the second round. Six seeded teams were named in advance, while the other 18 teams were distributed among the groups in a public drawing.

Host Italy was paired with Austria, the United States and

first-round sections.

World Cup host teams, which attract the largest crowds during the competition, are always seeded and often have easy firstround groups. Corriere Della Sera, a re-

spected Milan newspaper, wrote Friday that Maradona gave voice to "what many had thought and some had let it be understood between the lines." "It has been long known that World Cup draws are skillfully pre-determined but nobody ever

protested... Now that Maradona, 'Mr. Disagreeable', said it openly, it's too easy to attack him," the newspaper commented. The commentary came after Italy's soccer authority started a disciplinary action against Maradona, which may lead to a fine or

to his disqualification from Italian League action. Joseph Blatter, the secretary general of the International Soc-

"The World Cup draw had cer Federation (FIFA) which subeen pre-determined." Maradopervised the World Cup draw. na alleged, noting that the Soviet said Maradona may be banned from the next year's competition as a result of his "malicious Union, Romania and Cameroon were drawn into the group headed by Argentina, in what promises to be one of the toughest

accusations. "He's stupid or malicious," Blattner was quoted as saying by the Italian news agency ANSA. Other FIFA officials appealed for

Maradona, whose remarks are often amplified by the media. said he could not believe that his appearance in the World Cup

may be at risk. "If I must apologise for my remarks, I will apologise. But I am not going to recant anything. I said what many others had written and said previously," Maradona proclaimed in Cagliari on Thursday.

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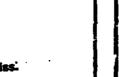


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World leaders welcome end of Ceausescu epoch

LONDON (R) — World leaders were eager to bury Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu as a tyrant and bully even as loyalist forces launched a counter-

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said Ceausescu's overthrow marked the end of a bloody tyranny and praised demonstrators as heroes of an historic year in Europe.

The people of Romania have taken liberty for themselves... that is wonderful news." Thatcher told a television interviewer. "We should spare a thought for the very courageous people who were not prepared to knuckle under in a bloodstained tyramy." A few hours earlier Queen Elizabeth stripped Ceausescu of an honorary knighthood awarded

during a visit to London in 1978. This action has been taken as a mark of revulsion at the abuse of human rights in Romania for which President Ceausescu is responsible," the Foreign Office said, adding that the queen had also returned a Romanian honour Ceausescu had awarded her.

Norway's King Olav also asked Ceausescu to hand back an honorary award made in 1980. The Foreign Ministry said Olav planned to give back his own Order of the People of the Star.

In Paris President Francois Mitterrand welcomed the end of 24 years of authoritarian rule in Bucharest.

"The Romanians are free, Europe can breathe easy, it is good news for all of us," Mitterrand told reporters.

Czechoslovak reformist leader Vaciav Havel called for just punishment, but not the death sentence, for Ceausescu.

"On behalf of our gentle revolution, which probably accelerated the course of events in Romania, I ask all Romanian citizens not to pay back for violence with violence and for cruelty with cruelty," Havel said. "Demand just punishment (for those) who for so long and so brutally scourged your country. Stop the wave of violence lest it should flood Europe.

European Community foreign ministers meeting in Paris were

pared to assist the new government if it moves towards demopreparing an appeal against vio-lence in Romania when the news Hans-Dietrich Genscher said the of Ceausescu's fall came through. desire for freedom swept through They scrapped their agenda and Europe like a storm in 1989. agreed to hold a special meeting

proposals for immediate aid. The international community. and in particular the European Community, must urgently come to the help of the Romanian people to help it overcome a tragic stage in its history, which has moreover had disastrous economic consequences," European Parliament President Enrique Baron said.

on the Romanian crisis including

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) has volunteered to send medical and other assistance to Romania. Romanian emigres in Paris

toasted Ceausescu's apparent overthrow with champagne but deplored the loss of life involved. "It is the end of Communism." said playwright Eugene Ionescu

in a radio interview. Romanian choreographer Gigi Cacuileanu, who fled Romania in 1972 and has never returned, said he "leapt with joy" when he heard Ceausescu had been over-

"Yesterday Romania was a grey country where no one laughed anymore," Ceausescu said. Today, already, my mother told me that people were laughing in the roads. It's a sign that anything is possible."
The Soviet Union said it hoped

calm would return to Romania allowing the creation of stable new government.

"We have no doubt that the Romanian people will show enough wisdom to preserve calm and stability in spite of the dramatic events and that conditions will be created for normal life, that new institutions of power will be formed in normal conditions," Foreign Ministry spokesman Vadim Perfilyev told

White House spokesman Mar-

S. African police clash with rebels, 2 killed den of dictatorial rule appears to

JOHANNESBURG (Agencies) A black nationalist guerrilla and a policeman were killed in a skirmish near South Africa's border with Swaziland, police said

Police found several guerrillas Friday close to Border Gate, a frontier post near Komatipoort in eastern Transvaal province, a

police spokesman said. The suspects opened fire when police tried to make an arrest. Police killed one guerrilla and a black officer was shot dead.

The exiled African National Congress anti-apartheid group has been waging a low-level war against white rule since the early 1960s, when the organisation was outlawed in South Africa.

Meanwhile, trying to quash persistent rumours, the govern-ment said Friday that jailed black leader Nelson Mandela would not be freed before the end of the

There remains strong speculation, not discouraged by the gov-ernment, that Mandela will be freed in January or early February. A broad range of black leaders say Mandela must be released before they can accept President F.W. De Klerk's invitation to negotiate a new constitution that would extend political rights to blacks.

Rumours that Mandela would be freed before Christmas spread earlier this week following unsubstantiated reports that British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher formally requested South African authorities to take this step.

Mrs. Thatcher's office denied that any time frame had been added to her standing request that Mandela be freed "as soon as possible."

South Africa's Bureau for Information, in a statement, said Friday: "In response to numerous press inquiries concerning the possible release of Mr. Nelson Mandela, the bureau would like to make it clear that there will be no developments in this regard during the festive season.'

The bureau said this meant Mandela would not be freed be-

Gorbachev warns separatists of bloodshed, death in split

MOSCOW (Agencies) — Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev Saturday warned regional separatists who want their republics to leave the Soviet Union that secession would sow "discord, bloodshed and death."

His harsh statement was made in a parliamentary debate over a proposed constitutional committee, during which Baltic deputies denounced as illegal the Soviet Union's 1940 incorporation of

Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia. "Nowadays to exercise self-deitermination through secession is to upset the union, to pit peoples against one another and to sow discord, bloodshed and death." Gorbachev said.

The Soviet leader did not elaborate, but his statement that secession would lead to violence was a clear warning to national-ists in republics around the Soviet periphery that their actions could prompt civil war.

His statements to the Congress of People's Deputies appeared to be aimed largely at the Baltic

and Lativa, which have become for his Baltic republic. increasingly militant in their push for more autonomy from the

Earlier this week the Lithuanian Communist Party defied Gorbachev and voted to declare itself independent from the cen-

tral Soviet party. Gorbachev has announced the gion. Communist Party Central Committee will hold a plenum on the issue in the next few days. The Baltic deputies also re-

fused to participate in the debate in Congress on the Committee of Constitutional Supervision, which began Friday. The commission was approved

Saturday by a vote of 1,647 to 116, with 115 abstentions, despite the Baltic protests that it would infringe their rights before new relationships between the Kremlin and the 15 republics had been determined.

A Lithuanian lawmaker, has challenged the Kremlin before the entire Soviet Congress to begin together."

republics of Lithuania, Estonia talks leading to full independence

Deputy and lawyer Kazimeras Moticka told deputies that Lithuania "was forcibly included in the Soviet Union." He said if the Kremlin is serious about reform, it should reverse results of the crimes of dictator Josef Stain, who annexed the Baltic re-

"As a person empowered by the voters of Lithuania, I call upon the government of the USSR to begin official negotia-tions in the near future with fully empowered representatives of Lithuania on the liquidation of Stainist crimes and on the restoration of the independence of the Lithuanian state," Motieka said.

Drawing a parallel with the events in Romania, where President Nicolae Ceausescu overthrown Friday, Motieka said: "We also have a dictator — Moscow. If the Soviet Union is building a government of laws, well, legality and occupation don't go

Hungary to hold elections in March

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP) — Acting President Matyas Szueros announced Friday that the country's first competitive elections in 41 years will be held on March 25, the Hungarian News Agency (MTT) reported.

On Thursday, parliament approved a motion to dissolve itself on March 16 to pave the way for the first multiparty elec-

tions since 1948. Hungary will become the first Soviet Bloc country to hold free elections resulting from the reform movement sweeping East-

A non-Communist government took power in Poland in August after opposition candidates won all the seats they were allowed to contest, then formed an alliance that forced the Communists to

Free elections are expected next year in three other Soviet Bloc countries.

give them control of the cabinet.

East Germany has scheduled elections for May 6, and Bulgaria and Czechoslovakia have announced plans for free elec- aspiring to democratic ideals.

In contrast to East Germany, Czechoslovakia and Bulgaria, where popular revolts swiftly forced hard-line Communist leaders from power, Hungary's evolution to democracy has been gra-

Legislation was passed in parliament in October to set the legal groundwork for the free elections, and the Communist Party disbanded, reconstituting itself as the Hungarian Socialist Party and

Salvadorean rebels call truce over Christmas, New Year

SAN SALVADOR (R) — Salvadorean guerrillas have called a truce over the Christmas and New Year holiday, giving the first breather in their fiercest offensive

In a communique telephoned to Reuters from Mexico City, the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN) rebels said, "we will declare a truce from 0000 hours (0600 GMT) Dec. 23 to Jan. 2, 1990."

of the "profound religious feelings that these festivities give our people and the need for family unity in these days," the communique said.

.An. armed forces spokesman said he was unaware of the truce offer, but he said if the rebels held their fire the U.S.-backed military would suspend counterinsurgency operations even though "guaranteeing the secur-The decision ws taken because ity of the civilian population" the armed forces said.

The rebels said they also had approached the United Nations to end the decade-old civil war in which more than 70,000 people

Fighting in the capital haseased since the peak of the offensive, but fierce combat was reported Thursday in outlying regions. Seven guerrillas and one soldier were killed during clashes,

Thousands turn into peseta millionaires

MADRID, Spain (AP) - The world's richest lottery turned thousands of Spaniards into peseta millionaires Friday, as orphan boys and girls sang out winning numbers in Gregorian chant for an expectant nation tuned into television and radio broadcasts. Orphans of St. Ildefonso Orphanage near Madrid sang out the number — 61,714 — of the veted prize El Gordo, the fat one, spreading joy across the south-eastern town of Paiporta, outside Valencia. Hundreds of people swamped the streets of Paiporta, where the winning series was sold, including some who popped open champagne bottles, Spanish national radio said. El Gordo. also called the Christmas Lottery, paid out 250 million pesetas (\$2.2 million) to each of 80 tickets: bearing the same winning number, or a total of 20 billion pesetas: (\$176 million) in prize money. Since each of the 80 tickets were spread among family, friends and fellow workers, the tax-free cash prizes were widely shared.

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Pakistan ends largest military exercise

Forces headed back to barracks Saturday after the biggest war,

games in Pakistani history.

The mock battles involving some 200,000 troops on the increasingly muddy plains of central Punjab bore a resemblance to the three wars Pakistan has fought with India since the two became separate countries in 1947.

Defence officials said the manoeuvres, code-named Zarbe Momin and Highmark '89; tested new weapons and tactics combining ground and air units to repulse an attack by a militarily superior neighbour.

Urdu as "the blow of the perfect

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistani generals will now within central and western Pun- Prime Minister Benazir Bhutanalyse the success of a new strategy new call "riposte," where army and air force don't. just defend the border, but mount a swift counterstrike into enemy territory to break the thrust of its attack.

The exercises, including one armoured and seven infantry divisions, followed an imaginary scenario the past three weeks of "Foxland" threatening "Blueland."

When negotiations failed, Foxland attacked but Blueland forces held their ground, then struck back into Foxland.

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mir-Zarbe Momin translates from za Aslam Beg pronounced the rdu as "the blow of the perfect war games completed late Friday.

jab, away from the Indian border and the disputed northern state of Jammu-Kashmir. Indian war games along the

have been lifted from Romania." He said Washington was pre-

West German Foreign Minister

Two hundred years after the

French Revolution human rights

and fundamental freedoms have

again proved their strength," Genscher said. "The people of

Romania have won a great vic-

tory against a dictatorial regime

East Germany, a staunch ally of Romania until its own revolu-

tion two months ago, hailed

Ceausescu's fall, as a step toward

democracy: "We extend our heartiest greetings to the Roma-

nian people and our best wishes

Italian Foreign Minister Gianni de Michelis said he admired the

demonstrators who had managed

who fought with such courage, we

express our admiration and also

our profound condolences for the

many victims," Gianni said in a

statement in Paris. "The fall of

Ceausescu removes the main

canse of the bloody repression in

Romania, and lays the basis for

that people, to whom we are

particularly close, to build a free

In the Hague several hundred

people gathered in front of the

Romanian embassy and burnt an

Dutch Prime Minister Rund

Lubbers expressed joy that

Ceausescu was out of office and

said the West should quickly ex-

tend medical and humanitarian help to Romania.
"It has become ever clearer

how unjust and intolerable the

repression was," Lubbers said,

referring to the force recently

used to put down protests in

Portuguese President Mario

Soares said the removal of

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And for the first time, Pakistan

invited observers from India and its ally, the Soviet Union. They were among 104 delegates from 21 foreign countries to witness The manoeuvres stayed well

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to, who in 1988 became the first civilian Pakistani leader after 11 years of military rule, toured the exercise Friday.

The high profile of the war games appeared aimed at improving the image of the Pakistan army, which has seized power repeatedly in the country's 42-

year history.
Pakistan and India last clashed in 1971 in a war that resulted in the creation of Bangladesh from former East Pakistan.

The countries still trade artillery fire high in the Karakoram Mountains across a ceasefire line that separates Pakistani- and Indian-controlled sections of predominantly Muslim Jammu-

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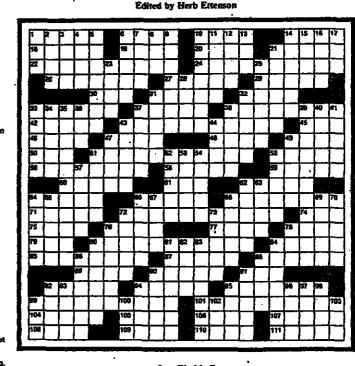
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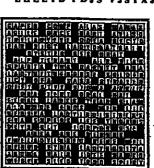
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U.N. to hold 1st summit for children UNITED NATIONS (AP) - The first "world summit for

children" will be held in September to encourage governments to save up to 100 million children from death by disease and malnutrition in the 1990s, diplomats said Friday. Canada, Egypt, Mali, Mexico. Pakistan and Sweden are co-sponsoring the event, tentatively set for Sept. 26-27 at U.N. Headquarters in New York. They are inviting world leaders to attend. The "world summit for children" is expect to push governments to redirect military and indebtedness spending to health and nutrition. Third World nations pay \$178 billion to wealthy nations each year in debt service, three times more than the value of the aid they receive. Developing countries also collectively spend \$145 billion annually on the military. More than 100 governments have endorsed the summit, according to the U.N. Children's Fund. The global gathering will take place during the next General Assembly, when presidents, kings, prime ministers and foreign ministers join their

Australian premier's father dies

diplomatic corps in New York.

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) - Clem Hawke, father of Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke, died of a stroke Saturday at age 92, officials said. Clem Hawke died at a nursing home in Adelaide, southern Australia, said a spokesman for the prime minister's office. The official said Hawke had been ill for some time. The prime minister, who two weeks ago shed tears on national television while talking about his ailing father, was unavailable for comment. The prime minister was to spend Christmas with his family but the official said Hawke would journey to Adelaide to attend his father's funeral.

Judge hurt in mail bomb attack

HAGERSTOWN, Maryland (AP) - A pipe bomb delivered to a county judge's apartment exploded and injured him Friday, but appeared to be unrelated to four other bomb attacks in four states in one week. Washington County Circuit Judge John Corderman, 47, was in stable condition after undergoing surgers to remove shrapael in his abdomen and right hand, said Washingwa County Hospital spokeswoman Diana Donegan. Corderman elso lost the tip of his right middle finger and suffered severe damage to both eardrums, but he never lost consciousness and his life was in no. immediate danger, hospital officials said. A neighbour said the bomb exploded in Corderman's apartment about 10 minutes after a delivery man left a package in the building. The judge apparently was alone at the time, police said.

Colombo foils kidnap plot

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) — The government has said it has foiled plans by Sinhalese radicals to kidnap political leaders and their families. Foreign Minister Ranjan Wijeratne told parliament that radicals of the ultranationlist People's Liberation Front had planned to carry out the kidnapping and make "impossible demands." The plan came to be known when security agents interrogated arrested radicals. Wijeratne, who is also the deputy defence minister, did not give details but blamed "anti-national and anti-democratic forces" for instigating the kidnapping plans. "They are engineered both from within and outside," he said, but did not specify which foreign countries were involved.

Havel nominated for president

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia (AP) — Opposition leader Vaclav Havel was nominated for president by all Czechoslovak political parties, with Alexander Dubcek proposed to head the new parties, with Alexander Dubcek proposed to near the new parliament, the Czech, News Agency CTK has reported. "In agreement with the openly expressed will of the Czechoslovak public, we recognise as a respected representative ... for the office of president Mr. Vaciav Havel and for the office of Federal Assembly Chairman Mr. Alexander Dubcek," the joint communique said according to CTK. "We express our conviction that this manifested will is in agreement with the spirit of Czechoslovak mutuality and equality of both nations," the communique said. Havel, playwright and veteran dissident, emerged as opposition leader during events that finally led to the overthrow of four decades of Communist rule in Czechoslovakia over the past month.

Manila confirm plea bargaining talks

MANILA (AP) — The Philippine government's chief lawyer has confirmed that former first lady Imelda Marcos had discussed a possible plea bargain with U.S. federal prosecutors and Philippine government lawyers. She is to stand trial on March 13 on racketeering charges for allegedly helping her late husband, Ferdinand Marcos, pillage the Philippine treasury during his 20 mars in office. "A wide range of possibilities were discussed," Solicitor General Francisco Chavez said in a telephone interview. He said one option was for Mrs. Marcos to plead guilty and return between \$600 million and \$1.5 billion. Chavez said other options under discussion include a plea of guilty to mail fraud in return for a suspended prison sentence. Mrs. Marcos would also agree to disclose information on secret bank accounts and other assets worldwide, including holdings of Marcos Associates, he said.